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Readers Say—

Questions Graham's Policies

To the Editor:

The reader who commented on the sparsity of evangelicals in New York City ("Readers Say," Feb. 1) failed to note that a New York City campaign by Billy Graham would have the support of a great host of Bible-believing churches in suburban New Jersey, Connecticut, and New York states.

With you I could never endorse that reader's attitude toward Billy Graham. Your defence of Mr. Graham is to be commended. Yet I feel that your Editor's Note has failed to answer her challenge in two serious respects:

1. Is it true that a united Protestant front (including modernists) is acceptable if it provides "important psychological value" while allowing the Bible-believer to maintain his forthright preaching of the Word? Does not your statement, if applied to the NAE, undermine the very right to existence of that group? The prime reason for the NAE is not that modernists restricted our freedom, but that the Bible expressly commands separation from unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:14, 17).

2. Do not Mr. Graham's arrengements limit his forthright preaching of the Word at least to this extent: Converts, referred to cooperating churches, must in many cases be sent to modernistic churches?

I heartily agree that Mr. Graham should have our prayers and full support. But let us evangelicals continually examine our own methods, lest we depart from a Scriptural way of doing things. We are all too prone to let expediency and results justify a departure from Biblical methods. Let our prayers for Mr. Graham include prayer that he may have in all things God-given wisdom to find and follow a Scriptural pattern.

JAMES A. STAHR
Old Perlican, Newfoundland

To the Editor:

It is heartening to read the first criticism that I have seen of Dr. Billy Graham since receiving your magazine. Few seem to dare to question Dr. Graham's policies of an unequal yoke with unbelieving modernists, and his unabashed opinion that Christians should look like the world in appearance (I refer to the Hollywood appearance of Christian women).

Although Mrs. Stanford Keene Bryson, Jr., seems to have taken an extreme position with regard to not praying for Billy's coming campaign in New York, yet I feel she is justified Scripturally in questioning Billy's policies. When has it been a principle of the Scriptures that God needs the assistance of those who reject His Son, as did the Pharisees, Sadducees, and scribes, to sponsor an evangelistic campaign in which Jesus Christ is to be set forth as the only Saviour of the world? I seriously call in question the lasting good these campaigns are accomplishing. Dr. Graham's policies are causing a lot of alarm among many Bible-preaching pastors and Bible-believing laymen.

However, it seems the trend of the day among ministers, churches and the NAE, to go along with that which is popular and to close their eyes and minds to those things which are obviously a violation of the principles set forth in the book of Acts and the Pauline epistles as to faith and practice of the church.

I challenge you to justify your long discourse in criticism of Mrs. Bryson, Jr., and the justification of Dr. Graham's policies from the Word of God.

VICTOR A. ZACHARIAS
Mitchell, S. D.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: We agree with our brethren as to the necessity of separation, but disagree about how to practice it. We believe II Cor. 6:11-18 and we also believe I Cor. 9:19-27. In fact we counsel all our brethren who are prone to be reactionary in their practice of separation to study Acts 2:47; Rom. 14:1, 4, 13, 19; Titus 3:9; II Thess. 3:15; Heb. 12:14; II Tim. 2:16-26; Rom. 2:1-11; 14:13, 21; I Cor. 4:1-7; 9:19-27; 10:23-33; Jas. 4:10-12; Eph. 4:1-3, 14, 15.]

Dr. Clark's Rejoinder

To the Editor:

In brief book reviews, such as *Action* magazine publishes, the reviewer discharges his obligation both to the public and to the author, so it seems to me, if what he writes is both true and important. Because of Dr. Young's protest ("Readers Say," March 1) the first question is, Did I tell the truth?

Inasmuch as the letter of protest itself repeats the views I quoted and outlined in the review, it seems clear that I told the truth. Dr. Young avoids saying that the Bible is God's revelation *simpliciter*. The Bible is a record of a past revelation, and it becomes a revelation for certain people under certain conditions. I am not conscious of having misrepresented Dr. Young by these statements.

The second question is, Is an author's concept of revelation important enough to mention in a brief review? Everyone is at liberty to differ, but it seems to me that one's view of revelation is important. Therefore I am not conscious of having misled the public.

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COVER PHOTO: Left to right—Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas, who presided at the Prayer Breakfast; Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court; Vice President Richard M. Nixon; Conrad Hilton, hotel magnate, who acted as host for the occasion. Religious News Service photo.

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Shall We Have World Centralization?

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THE "one world" idea, or as we have learned to call it, "world centralization" may sound very good and at once appeal to the imagination of many as a virtue to be desired for our present day world, yet to understand what this actually means one must realize this is the philosophy that grows out of the age-old dream of Satan himself.

The first example of the "one world" idea or world centralization is to be found in the garden of Eden with Satan's hopes embracing all mankind under his rule. It becomes more pronounced a little later in the 11th chapter of Genesis when, in the construction of the tower of Babel, which was to unify all mankind, it became necessary for God to intervene and to stop Satan. The Lord said,

> Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. *Gen. 11:8-6.*

Indeed Christianity made its entry into the world at a time when world centralization was a very prominent factor. There had proceeded in order a series of world empires, beginning with Babylon, passing to Medo-Persia, then to Alexander's great domain of Greece, and still later to the familiar Roman Empire where nothing was higher than the state and the emperor ranked as God and was so worshipped. History has recorded that it was an age marked with what might be described as world cultural unity, world trade and intercourse, world peace, world demoralization and world mingling of religions. Each of these subjects individually would be an interesting and profitable field for study if time permitted. While history is interesting and often repeats itself as we constantly see, yet man is more concerned about the present and the future. Here we face the facts of our present era.

In the quest for world unity man has put forth special effort during these recent years. Since 1914 the world has been experiencing what has been described as "an age of conflict." It has been an age in which men have sought frantically to create a world community. Some steps have been taken in this direction previous to 1914 as indicated, but after the first World War the League of Nations became a formal expression of the hope for a "parliament of man." The repeated failures of the League dashed hope to the ground and finally the dream vanished in the awful realities of World War II. Following the last war the United Nations was born in the hope that a community of nations might yet be created. So far it has failed in its promise and many nations have by-passed it whenever they wanted to do anything of importance as for example in regional military alliances and in conferences by the heads of governments. Nevertheless the hope for a world community persists in the minds and hearts of many. Let us not forget it is to be found there on the basis of the best of good intentions.

Thus we have before us at the present the great current organization known as the United Nations. Many are asking the question, what about it? Is it, as some have painted it, a red Trojan horse within our borders or is it a valuable needed institution to help our nation and the world? Over this men are now in debate.

After carefully reading *One World —A Red World* by Kenneth Goff, I forwarded copies to the President of our United States and the Secretary of State, inquiring:

> Are the statements in this book factual . . . and if so why does our government look with so much favor on the United Nations as they do? If these statements are not true would you supply me with the evidence that would prove beyond doubt that they are erroneous.
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> Please do not send me in reply the usual general and somewhat meaningless letter that so often is sent forth, but give to me in all honesty the answers that I as a Christian citizen and minister of the Gospel so much desire.

The letter to the President was referred to the Department of State for reply and I received courteous letters from this department which in essence stated:

> This booklet contains so many glaring errors of fact and such a quantity of misinformation that it would be impossible to correct them all item by item within the limits of a letter. We are therefore enclosing for your information official publications which should be helpful to you and your associates in arriving at the facts.

Thus there came to my desk from the State Department the following materials:

The United Nations, An Appraisal
What the United Nations Means to the United States
Invitations to Peace
Toward a Free Korea
A Challenge to Freedom
An Appraisal of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization"
Department of State for the Press

These and other periodicals have been studied and there can be little doubt but that in even the language of those who write in favor of the United Nations things are not all they should be. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., America's permanent representative to the United Nations, recognizes there are many weaknesses and shortcomings within its structure and that it is "cumbersome, generally slow and overly talkative." According to the official literature released in favor of the United Nations our leaders maintain that most

of the faults are being corrected and that the good of the UN far overshadows its harm. I am confident the balance sheet will show the United Nations has given considerable humanitarian help to mankind and I do not believe this can be ignored and certainly in itself is to be commended. However, equally true many of the valid criticisms against the UN seem to stand and have yet to be answered or removed.

Many reasons have been set forth for opposing the United Nations. My chief objection is that it is the greatest instrument at the present hour for world centralization and world centralization is not of God. World government is not all that many may think it to be. Though well intended, it can easily become the devouring monster that will turn and destroy those who created it. There are many who argue that world government would result in world communism and if such should come to pass what chance would an American have with a communistic or socialistic jury which had been indoctrinated to hate us because of our Christianity and prosperity. Such a "one world" government could decide eventually most, if not all the details of our daily living, including our educational system, radio, television, film and press. Tricked international controls could regulate all of these things. Also eventually there could be carried out in this world super-state the mongrelizing of all races into one.

Now let us not forget that if this were the will of God He would have done it in the beginning. As we have already seen when the earth became one at the tower of Babel, God dispersed them. Intermarriage and the mixing of races is forbidden throughout the Bible. For instance we are told:

Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. *Deut. 7:3.*

We believe that intermarriage is eventually race suicide. God continually reminded His people that they were not to mix these races.

Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee. *Lev. 19:19.*

See the warning against the mixing of races. Again—

Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you. *Joshua 23:12, 13.*

Let us not forget that in the very beginning of time God divided the races and it was His divine purpose they should remain so.

. . . hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation. *Acts 17:26.*

When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. *Deut. 32:8, 9.*

Let it be clear in our thinking, however, that this does not mean there is any racial superiority or discrimination between people for God said:

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth. *Acts 17:26.*

And in verse 27 He adds,

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us.

For in him we live, and move, and have our being (vs. 28).

Something else involved in this world centralization that would be very advantageous for Satan in accomplishing his main desire is the destruction of the church of Christ and the establishment of his Satanic kingdom. It is no secret that the proponents of the world government idea in many cases are in favor of forbidding our missionaries from entering any country that is non-Christian. Their philosophy generally is that whatever faith is strongest in each nation should have the sole power of determining what religious practice would be carried on therein. That would mean that if in America fifty-one per cent of the people were non-Christian, then Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas and all things pertaining to the Christian Church could be and perhaps would be abolished and atheism could become our national faith. A missionary who refused to return home immediately when a world government was established and ordered him to do so could be tried and killed for interfering with the internal affairs of a member nation. The closing of our missionary doors would thereby remove from the Christian Church its right to exist. Let's not forget that the commission of the church has been from the very beginning to "go ye." In Mark 16:15 we read,

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

In Luke 24:47—

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Whether all mankind will admit it or not it is nevertheless true that Christianity has brought light and civilization to our world. In world government and world centralization the Christian would be a little flock, ranked as one of the smallest religions and as such a minority. We are told there are at present in the world three hundred million Confucianists and Taoists; three hundred million Mohammedans; one hundred fifty-eight million animists; one hundred fifty million atheists and agnostics; two hundred forty million Hindus; one hundred eighty million Buddhists and Lamas; and twelve million Jews.

Let us also take for example the matter which the proponents of a world calendar are endeavoring to carry out through the United Nations. At the request of India the proposed world calendar was placed on the agenda of the economic and social council of the United Nations for consideration. Should this calendar revision become a reality the seven day week cycle of time as set forth in Genesis will be violated and it would not be long before the Lord's Day would be scrambled throughout the other days of the week, and it would be practically impossible for churches to worship on His true day.

It is also significant in this regard that the entire philosophy of the United Nations is centered in man and only in man. It is always upon the premise that We, that is the United Nations, can do this and do that. Such a philosophy of course is not good. Any thing that rules out divine leadership can only result in eventual harm. Certainly this has characterized the UN from its very inception and God has been politely but firmly ruled out.

Now this brings me to a story told of a clergyman who had gone hunting a couple of days with a guide in the woods, but returned each time empty-handed. On the evening of the second day when the wife of the guide was fixing her husband a cup of tea she said, "Is the parson a good shot, Piere?" "Well" he replied, "I wouldn't say he was a bad shot, but it is amazing how the Lord protects those birds whenever he points his gun at

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Christianity In Shoes

CLARENCE J. KEARNEY

IT WAS a bit past seven a.m. on Thursday, February 3 and blase Mayflower Hotel bellhops were batting their eyes in suppressed astonishment. They were staring at famous figures who hurried through the lobby to queue up before the east door of the Grand Ballroom for something the hotel staff knew rather vaguely as a "prayer breakfast" scheduled for eight o'clock at which their "big boss," Conrad Hilton, was host.

Several Cabinet members were in that line, with Supreme Court justices, heads of federal bureaus and departments, ambassadors, senators, congressmen, and other VIPS. Several score of members of the National Religious Broadcasters, meeting in joint session with International Christian Leadership, were there, while hundreds of delegates to the ICL conference swelled the throng past the thousand mark, filling, as it filed in, both floor and balcony.

What drew these national leaders downtown at that early hour? Not a spectacle, for there was none, but a vital concern for an ailing world which had tried the conventional panaceas and had found no cure. Now a new statesmanship is appraising our spiritual resources and wondering that these had been overlooked so long.

Billy Graham, as the featured speaker, underscored this spiritual resurgence. Evidence of a spiritual awakening is on every hand, he declared, amplifying:

"Last April 10 seventy-five million Americans attended church. That was 14 million more than voted in the last presidential campaign; 13 million more than the largest radio audience in history; five times the total attendance of all major league baseball games last year."

"This year the Methodist Church has designated 900 churches to have an unbroken chain of prayer from January to December. One thousand people of the Roman Catholic faith meet here in Washington every month for all-night prayer meetings.

"There are evidences in Great Britain of religious resurgences. All over Europe there are reports of unprecedented religious interest and there are evidences of it behind the Iron Curtain. God is beginning to move!"

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his message read by Senator Frank Carlson, stressed the same theme. He wrote:

"To all attending the Prayer Breakfast, please convey my warm good wishes and my regret that I am unable to be present.

"Such a meeting is inspiring evidence of the conviction of each of you that religious principles . . . . must be put into practice in business, law, government and diplomacy.

"Your meeting shows also your realization that the need for such a practice is worldwide and that the task of spearheading a global spiritual offensive demands not only the efforts of the clergy but also of laymen of dedication and courage and foresight."

Conrad Hilton, hotel magnate, echoed the challenge to spiritual audacity with a mesage on "Religion by the Spoonful." He recalled an order to "boil the water" during an Asiatic cholera epidemic. "They boiled it," Mr. Hilton narrated, "but used the sterilized fluid as medicine and that which was contaminated for general. use.

AT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Billy Graham (left) Spoke, Senator Carlson Presided

This, Mr. Hilton pointed out, was typical of much religious practice. "Like food, religion should be within us constantly," he warned. "Communism is not taken by the spoonful. Almost a billion people are being fed it constantly, being bathed in it, their bodies and souls washed in it. Communism can be effectually opposed only by religious men, men of faith and spiritual stature."

"A World-Wide Spiritual Offensive" was the challenge of the three-day ICL and NRB conferences, and this remained central in all messages and deliberations. Out of the prayers, inspirations and discussions came a three-fold ICL objective for 1955. This calls for formation of at least 200 new Fellowship Groups, for an intensifying of the collegiate program and expansion in Washington until every bureau and department of government has its articulate Christian testimony.

A budget of more than $100,000 has been approved to carry out this program, Abraham Vereide, executive director, announced.

The first implementation session followed the breakfast Thursday, with focus on "Strategy of a World-Wide Offensive." This was developed by John C. Broger, president of the Far East Broadcasting Company, now on leave to serve the Joint Chiefs of Military Staff as consultant on psychological warfare.

A sensitized conscience is the key to victory over militant materialism, Mr. Broger pointed out. This must begin, he declared, on the personal level and mushroom through civic, national and world levels. As consciences become acute liberties become precious and, in event of total war would in-

spire an invincible defense and irresistible offensive.

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, Christian educator and religious adviser to the United States Information Agency, and Dr. Charles W. Lowry, chairman of the Foundation for Religious Action, also participated in this session.

The Thursday and Friday luncheons rallied Christian statesmanship to the cause of Christian leadership. Dr. Charles Malik, ambassador of Lebanon, and Governor Frank Clement of Tennessee shared the speaker's stand Thursday, addressing a group which again taxed the capacity of the huge ballroom.

"The times require the full wielding of the sword of the spirit," declared Dr. Malik. "This is impossible unless truth is diligently sought, surely known, clearly articulated and boldly proclaimed. When the spirit is certain and full and free it speaks like a sword. But for this to happen we need to open our hearts freely to the infusion of the Holy Spirit, with all His grace, His conviction, His sweetness, His power, allowing Him to teach us the great mysteries of God, His Christ and His Kingdom, and to speak through us in all brokenness, but also in all boldness and love."

Gov. Clements issued a plea for return to the traditional spiritual values on which America was based. Pointing with pride to the fact that his South had been scoffed at as "The Bible Belt," he conceded:

"But our fundamentalism retreated, too, before the Enlightenment, whose leaders propose to speak for science and the industrial age."

The problem of peace was a moral problem, he pointed out, more specifically, our morals. "This alone forms a Democratic bulwark against communism, against the Antichrist," he said. To keep ourselves in moral health we must rely on a supernatural x-ray—that of faith in God."

At Friday's luncheon Federal Judge Luther Youngdahl and Walter Williams, Under Secretary of Commerce, called for new commitment of life and resources to personal and civic righteousness. This, they pointed out, was the actual dynamic behind a spiritual offensive.

Two panel discussions Friday were outstanding. That in the morning was in charge of Dr. Donald C. Stone, president of Springfield (Mass.) College while in the afternoon Frank B. Fuhr, assistant executive director of ICL, was moderator

They Put Christianity to Work

BUSINESSMEN who have felt the need for a fuller and more active participation in the spiritual life of their communities are turning in increasing numbers to the program of International Christian Leadership, Inc.

ICL, a 20-year-old nonsectarian movement, conducts most of its meetings at the breakfast hour.

The basic belief around which the organization has developed its program is this (quoting from an ICL pamphlet): "That the chief function of the Christian layman is to express Christ through his daily life and occupation."

That supporters of ICL have been able to achieve this goal is evident from success stories told by Abraham Vereide, executive director and founder of the council. Mr. Vereide says employers have won the good will and cooperation of employees and associates who were formerly malcontents or trouble-makers. How? "By exposing them to the warm and constructive atmosphere of an ICL breakfast meeting," says Mr. Vereide.

At the sessions participants read aloud significant passages from the Old and New Testaments, then discuss ways in which these teachings can be made a living, dynamic part of the everyday life of men and women.

Discussion groups have been formed at all levels of the nation's life—in large industrial plants—in colleges—among professional men.

In Washington one of the most active groups is comprised of members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. President Eisenhower himself is a strong supporter of ICL and its objectives.

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Four Christians with responsibilities in as many areas participated in the earlier symposium on "Christian Leadership in a Spiritual Offensive." These were Senator Ralph E. Flanders, government; John G. Ramsay, CIO director of community relations, labor; John W. Young of Barrington, R. I., industry, and Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, president of NRB, broadcasting.

In the afternoon the panel developed a "grass roots" shoptalk on ICL achievements, responsibilities and opportunities. Participants were Frederick H. Ward, coordinator of the Los Angeles Groups; Robert B. Doing and Dr. Karlis Leyasmeyer, ICL field staff members, and Dr. Frank Ledford, director of the Birmingham, Ala., "Men at Prayer."

Dr. Ledford electrified the conference with his story of a 6 a.m. inaugural prayer breakfast when, before 700 state leaders, Governor James Folsom sealed his newly-anchored Christian faith with a dedication of himself and his administration to God and civic righteousness.

Thursday night was in charge of two old "China hands"—Dr. Walter H. Judd Minnesota congressman and former medical missionary, and Dr. Andrew Gih, president of "Evangelize China" Fellowship with a message on Christ and Korea by Dr. Richard C. Halverson, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood.

Friday night saw the convention's climax as Congressman J. Percy Priest of Nashville, Tenn. and Dr. Robert Pierce brought their messages. They were introduced by Senator John J. Sparkman of Alabama. Mr. Priest, sharing his own rich Christian experience, held up the Gospel hope as the only alternative to world chaos, if not oblivion. Dr. Pierce held the capacity audience enthralled as he told how Korean Christians had faced extermination, but by incredible sacrifice and commitment had become "more than conquerors." The showing of the Billy Graham filmed story of the London crusade concluded the public features of the conference.

In the business sessions General Willard S. Paul was reelected president of ICL while Senator Carlson again was chosen to head International Council of Christian Leadership (ICCL), which directs the movement overseas. Abraham Vereide was named again to direct the work of both organizations.

Plans were announced for adding two field secretaries, one to work as group organizer, the other to cooperate with Dr. Leyasmeyer in the collegiate field.

Frank B. Fuhr, insurance executive, was named full-time assistant executive director while Clarence J. (Mike) Kearney, Chicago newspaper man, will serve in the field of promotion and public relations.

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National Prayer

The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-made or man-controlled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the infinite resources of God. Invoking by prayer the mercy and might of God is our most efficacious means of guaranteeing peace and security for the harassed and helpless peoples of the earth.—*J. Edgar Hoover.*

The Evangelical Answer

To Knights of Columbus Roman Catholic Propaganda

PROTESTANTS across America, for several years, have been urging that an answer should be made to the widespread error which has been perpetrated through the well-known advertising of the Knights of Columbus. This Protestant project was left untouched on a nation-wide basis until the NAE Commission on Evangelical Action turned its attention to the matter at the NAE national convention some months ago.

Thereafter the Evangelical Action Commission asked the Washington office of NAE to undertake the actual preparation of the advertising. Donald H. Gill, Assistant Secretary of Affairs, directed letters to 40 leading Evangelical pastors and authors, asking for their cooperation in providing material which would serve as a basis for the advertising project. The replies to this request were used as a starting point in composition of the advertising copy.

Meanwhile the NAE Washington office had approached two consecrated Christian men, one a printer and the other an artist, who undertook to make preparations for the technical composition of the advertising.

Editing became a major consideration of those who were working on the preparation of the ads. Active advice in editing the ads was given by six leading evangelicals—pastors, authors and laymen.

The entire project is written to represent the broad base of evangelical doctrine, as opposed to the authoritarian position of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The Evangelical Action Commission has taken the position that the basic answer to the error, which has been spread so widely in the Knights of Columbus advertising, is the gospel message of salvation as presented in the Scriptures. For this reason the Bible is quoted in every ad, as the basic authority in Christian doctrine.

The advertising is not written with any denominational slant. It is evangelical. It is based on Scripture. But no particular Protestant denomination is

Sample advertisement in series for use in local newspapers →

Strange tales are being circulated about Bible-believing Protestants.

The rumor has been circulated that these Protestants do not belong to the "true church." It is being said that the Protestant faith started in the 16th century. You can hear it said that this Protestant faith was founded by "corrupt" leaders . . . and that they started a new kind of Christianity.

The Bible gives us an accurate account of how the Christian Church began. The early Christians obeyed Christ's command to "preach the Gospel to every creature." The Bible says they "went everywhere preaching the Word." As a result, groups of Christians sprang up all over the known world.

These scattered groups of believers, independent of one another, were united only in their faith in the Bible message . . . that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." (II Corinthians 15:3)

The Church in the first century was not an organization; it consisted of groups of individual believers. The true Church today is not an organization, nor a group of organizations. It is the total number of those who are believers in the Bible message of salvation.

The basis of membership in the true Church has not changed since the first century . . . it has never been by sacraments or by membership in any church organization . . . it has always been by spiritual birth, as Christ explained to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)

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favored above the others. As far as possible, the ads have been written in the language of the "man on the street," not in theological terms.

Every ad is designed to contain enough of the plan of salvation so that no honest seeker would be left without any knowledge of the fact of forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ, the Saviour. Yet each ad is also designed to encourage the reader to request further information which will be provided in pamphlet form to those who fill in and mail the coupon attached to each ad.

Several ads make the specific suggestion that the reader attend a Bible-centered Protestant church in his neighborhood. Emphasis is placed on the fact that Protestant churches which hold the true evangelical position are churches which give the Bible the place of authority it deserves.

The ads form a series of 30 in all. They will be made available to regional sponsoring groups ten at a time. In most cases the ads will be placed on a weekly basis, in Saturday newspapers. It is suggested, however, that the advertising will reach more non-Protestant readers if it is placed on some page of the paper other than the church page.

The first group of ten mats were available March 1, 1955. Any regional group wishing to place these ads should make a statement in writing to the NAE Washington office concerning their ability to place the ten ads, and mats will be sent. Each ad will cover a two-column spread of about nine inches. Each group placing the ad will be asked to submit a copy of the ad as it is run in their local paper.

There will be no charge for the mats, but the committee has been depending on the gifts of interested individuals to cover the basic costs of this advertising program. The basic cost of producing this program has been expected to run well over $1,500.00 and does not include even the initial costs in setting up an office to handle the follow-up materials.

All gifts toward the financial support of this program, as well as requests for further information should be directed to The National Association of Evangelicals, 1405 G. Street, N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

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World Centralization

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them." It seems to me we have been doing a lot of hunting in this nation of ours during the past few decades. I mean by that hunting the answers to some of the vital questions and problems of life, some economic, some spiritual. To me it is amazing how the Lord has protected our liberty of personal freedom, opportunities from the shotgun blasts of misguided, progressive thinkers who try to make a religion of secularism and governmentalism. Like a good many other people I am wondering how long He will continue to protect us from ourselves.

Someone has reminded us that God Almighty endowed the oyster with a ready-made house to live in. All he has to do is open the doors of his house to take in his food and close them again to keep out his enemies. He has perfect social security, yet he is the easiest fish in the world to catch, crush and cook. He always ends up in the soup. So what does his vaunted security amount to? The eagle on the other hand is peculiar among created things in another respect. When a severe storm strikes all the other birds either hide from the storm or try to fight it as long as their strength holds out. The eagle neither fights nor runs away. He simply sets his wing so the fury of the storm itself lifts him above the storm where the sun is shining and there he remains "free as a bird" until the storm is over and only a fool would pity the eagle because he isn't an oyster.

Now the road to freedom in our land must begin with the decision as to what kind of freedom we want. Is it freedom from something, or freedom for something? Do we want to become a nation of oysters or a nation of eagles? I think we will have to agree that to our forefathers it meant the right to risk capital in the hope of a return of their investment, the right of unlimited expansion of their business, the right to let the people in true democratic fashion cast their ballots in the cash registers of the nation for the businesses which serve them best, and above all to be free to worship God as His Word dictates. Freedom to them was a positive thing and they wisely chose the eagle as their national emblem.

Every Bible student is aware that in our present era of dispensation world government and world centralization is that which is connected with and largely controlled by the prince of the air, or the power of darkness, Satan himself. They further know it has been his pattern and policy throughout the ages as has already been pointed out from the Scriptures. It is also quite clear as we move toward the end of this age there will be a great superhuman effort to bring about that very thing. We see it taking place today in almost every department of life and even within the visible church, until ecumenicity or church union has almost displaced the Gospel. It is something that appeals to the emotions of the people. It tickles their ear. They speak of it as being that which is spiritual, good, uplifting, a step in the right direction, whereas the poor blinded souls do not know that they are sounding their own death knell and moving forward into the shackles of the bondage of Satan himself. Unity of the Spirit is one thing—unity by man is another. Prophetic students of God's Word recognize that all this of course is helping to set the stage for the eventual one world government idea of Satan which shall come into its own at the close of this age under Antichrist and the which he will endeavor to center all things under one head with only partial success. This of course is doomed to failure.

True, there will come a day when there will be one world government and complete and perfect world centralization, but it will not be by man, rather by Almighty God. God and not man will usher in the long looked-for Utopia. The closing chapter of my book "The Prophetic Pulpit" entitled "Prophecy and Christ's Kingdom" presents a detailed vivid picture of this wonderful world reign yet to come.

When I walked away after my visit to the United Nations, having talked to the guide, having asked and received the answers to many questions I stood outside and said to myself, behold the modern tower of Babel. We will not deny that there are many humanitarian advantages to this institution, but the basic principle of it is not good. It is contrary to the divine program of God. It is Satanic in its origin and if pursued, as it probably will be, because the majority of the people seem to favor it, as evidenced in the poll conducted by *LOOK* magazine recently, and the President's recent statement concerning the increase in the last three years of nearly twenty per cent, from forty-three per cent to sixty-two per cent, it can only bring us down the road eventually to our own sorrow and destruction.

I am quite aware that this message is in decided contrast to the great host of messages that are constantly being heard from many pulpits of our land, but as a watchman on the wall, as one called to proclaim the truth of God's Word and defend it from heresy I would not be true to my position if I did otherwise. Certainly the road to freedom and the road to God does not lie in our current existence through world centralization. Rather it lies only in a strong faith in Jesus Christ.

Action EDITORIAL

JAMES DeFOREST MURCH, Editor

A TIME FOR SOUL-SEARCHING

The majority of what is called Christendom is observing Lent. Evangelical Protestants are prone to examine many of the Romish practices of the season from the scorner's seat, and *rightfully so!* But are we to be outdone by those sincere souls who find the season a time for soul searching, repentance and fresh consecration of the whole life to God?

Two texts out of the Epistles of Paul might well engage our thinking:

Romans 12:1, 2: "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Galatians 1:20, 21: "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ that liveth in me; and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me."

How long has it been since we withdrew to the quiet of the closet, looked full in the wonderful face of our Saviour and Lord and felt those questioning eyes looking upon us? How long has it been since we have realized our shortcomings and cried out for His forgiveness?

We evangelicals have much to confess. Some of us have been guilty of self-righteousness and pride. We have thought of ourselves as better than others who love the Lord. We have drawn self-made robes of separation around us. We have forgotten that our Lord spoke with the "gentiles" and ate with "publicans and sinners." Our love has failed to extend beyond barriers which we (not God) have set up.

Some of us have allowed the turn of events in yesterday's battles for the Faith to make us crass individualists and religious hermits. We split hairs, show jealousy, stoop to anger, indulge in gossip about others who have paid the same price we paid for loyalty to the Word of God. We spend more time proselyting and dividing the body of believers than in promoting the unity for which Christ prayed.

Some of us have become reactionaries. We have crippled our usefulness to the Kingdom of God in the midst of a pagan world and an apostate Christendom. We have become anti-cultural, anti-scientific, anti-educational and have isolated ourselves from the valid discoveries and worthwhile advances of modern life. We have accepted patterns of life beyond the teachings of God's Word which have become obselete and build unnecessary barriers between us and those God expects us to reach with the Gospel. We have wilfully disqualified ourselves to be effective instruments in God's hand by which He can deal with men of this day and generation.

Some of us have allowed the world, the flesh and the devil to penetrate the Christian's armor. We have listened to the voice of the tempter who would weaken our faith in the Holy Scriptures and keep us from "declaring the whole counsel of God." We have become willing to compromise the revealed truth of the Bible that we might receive the plaudits of men and the honors of apostasy. We are in danger of deserting the Company of the Saved for the "Coming Great Church."

We need to look in the face of our Saviour and hear Him ask, "How is your zeal?"

There is an old, old story of a man called Junius who heard the Lord ask that question. Being quite pleased with his zeal as a church leader, Junius plucked it from his bosom and showed it to the Master. Christ took it, placed it in His scales and promptly announced, "One hundred pounds."

Junius was delighted. Then he noted by the expression on the Saviour's face that He was not satisfied. Christ then took the mass and broke it into atoms, put it in His crucible and put the crucible into the fire. When Junius' zeal was melted and cooled it separated into a series of layers or strata, which the Master analyzed as follows:

SELFISH ZEAL:

Bigotry	11 parts	
Personal Ambition	22 parts	
Love of Praise	19 parts	
Pride of Denomination	15 parts	
Love of Authority	12 parts	
Pride of Talent	14 parts	
Total Selfish Zeal		93 parts

UNSELFISH ZEAL:

Love of God	4 parts	
Love of Man	3 parts	
Total Unselfish Zeal		7 parts

As Junius looked at the figures his heart sank within him. He made a mental effort to dispute the record, but he dared not as he felt the sad and penetrating gaze of the Crucified Christ upon him. He fell to his knees and cried out, "Lord forgive me! Lord, save me!"

That day Junius laid his all on the altar of sacrifice and became a new man in Christ Jesus. He entered upon a new and larger life of usefulness. Everywhere he went his friends and his enemies remarked at the great change that had taken place in his life and they said, "Behold, this man is God's man."

And God gave him a double portion of His Spirit which was his until the end of days.

May this be our experience in this lenten season!

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Spanish Marriage Allowed

The Spanish government, probably due to the pressure of public opinion in the USA, has recently allowed the marriage of a young Evangelical minister to an Evangelical girl.

The Washington office of the National Association of Evangelicals has maintained active contact with the State and Defense Departments in regard to the proposed agreements with Spain on the marriage of American G.I.'s stationed in that country.

Even the Roman Catholic authorities in the USA have been obviously misinformed about the nature of marriage agreements in Spain, as evidenced in a recent article published in *The Catholic Standard,* archdiocesan Catholic paper which covers the Washington, D. C. area. This paper stated, on information from the Spanish Embassy in Washington, that a Catholic girl could leave the Roman Catholic Church and could then be married by a civil ceremony. In a letter to *The Catholic Standard,* Dr. Clyde Taylor, Secretary of Affairs of NAE, quoted the Spanish Civil Code which disallowed any marriage outside the Catholic Church without complete proof that the person had never been baptized in the Catholic Church.

The case of the Evangelical pastor in Alicante had been pending for 14 months. Permission to be married had been refused by two courts. Finally the pastor, Francisco, Manzanas Martin, appealed to President Franco. Coming at the time it did the appeal of the pastor was granted. The complete story of the granting of the permission was carried on the first page of the Februuary 7, issue of the *New York Times.*

Home Mission Exemption

The case of a pastor engaged in home mission work in South Dakota has recently received the favorable attention of the National Selective Service Appeal Board in Washington.

The case involved a young minister who is serving as an Assistant Pastor and who is also engaged in extension work in several needy communities in South Dakota. In addition to his ministerial activities it has been necessary for the registrant to carry part time employment in non-religious work. His local draft board took exception to this outside employment and classified him in 1A. This was upheld by the State Board.

At this point in the case, the NAE Office of Affairs took up the case and was successful in getting the case passed up to the National Board. A letter from Donald H. Gill, Assistant Secretary of Affairs of NAE, explained to the National Board the nature of the home mission work in which the registrant was engaged. On January 17, 1955, the National Board classified the man in Class 4D, thus granting the ministerial exemption from military service.

Tommy Hicks Back

Rev. Tommy Hicks recently returned to Argentina on the invitation of many friends in that country, to hold another evangelistic campaign there. Some missionaries advised against this, since they feared a reaction to another campaign.

Mr. Hicks, however, with the committee in Buenos Aires, contracted for the Atlanta Stadium, and began meetings. After about a week of meetings the crowds had increased to somewhere between five and eight thousand. Then one of the Ministers of Government ordered the meetings closed and refused them permission to continue to hold public services.

Reports reached the NAE Office of Affairs that Mr. Hicks had been held in hotel arrest with no apparent reason being given. He was under arrest for the two weeks period ending February 4, when he was again given his freedom by the Argentine police, with the stipulation that no more meetings could be held.

No official reason for this action was given, but speculation would indicate that due to the current friction between the Argentine Government and the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the Argentine Government deemed it inadvisable to continue to grant permission for Protestant meetings in stadiums during the period of tension.

Reserve Plan Hearings

The NAE Washington Office has been following the testimony of the Defense Department on the matter of an extensive Reserve Program, which would be put into law if the legislative proposals of the administration are followed.

Testimony on the worth of the Reserve Program is being heard before the House Armed Services Committee. The Reserve Program is represented in the provisions of House Bill number H.R. 2967.

Defense Department testimony on the program was first given by Defense Secretary, Charles E. Wilson, and Admiral Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The main innovation of the proposed Reserve Program would be the addition of a six months training plan which would carry an obligation of 9½ years in the Active Reserve. The proposed bill would also extend the Reserve obligations of all members of the Armed Forces.

Most circles in Washington agree that the new Reserve Program is a modified form of peacetime Universal Military Training. Evangelicals have traditionally opposed UMT as a peacetime measure.

India Visa Confusion

Considerable confusion has arisen since the Indian Government recently countermanded its orders to require visas for all Commonwealth missionaries entering that country. The order to require these visas was first given in the last week of December 1954 but this order was withdrawn about a week later.

A number of missionaries in India have continued under the impression that visas will still be required of Commonwealth citizens. It is known, however, that the entire matter is being considered by top level officials of the Indian Government.

It has been suggested that the original order to require the visas was planned as an exploratory measure in order to find out what the reaction would be. On the other hand, it is felt by some that high levels in the Indian Government began to take the matter under advisement after the order had already gone out.

Approaches are being made through the Commonwealth countries, in order that the situation might be clarified.

Protestantism Slashed

The report has been released in New York that the *Arriba* Falangist newspaper in Spain in one of its recent issues made a violent attack on Protestantism in that country. The paper noted that there is an increase in "Protestant propaganda in Spain." It went on to describe Protestantism as "not only a crime against religion, but also against the state." The paper further stated, "Protestantism today... does its best to separate us from our Church and to convert us into religious and moral orphans."

The article is quoted as ending in the following manner:

"Not only in the name of the State, not only in the name of the Catholic religion, but also in the name of the All-powerful, we should denounce Protestant propaganda as a personal insult, as a fratricidal provocation."

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Bible Courses Enroll 3,000 in High Schools

RALEIGH, N. C.—(RNS)—Some 3,000 students enrolled for elective Bible courses at forty-five high schools in North Carolina during the 1953-54 year, it was announced here.

A. B. Combs, director of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education of the State Department of Public Instruction, made the report in a statement "prepared for persons wishing to learn what is being done with reference to Bible teaching as the result of specific planning."

Mr. Combs pointed to a ruling of Attorney General Harry McMullan that "there is no prohibition in the statutes against teaching courses in Bible in the schools of this state as an elective course."

He noted that the Bible teaching is not sponsored or promoted by the State Department of Public Instruction.

As a rule, the courses are sponsored by the local ministerial association, Mr. Combs explained. In many instances the church group nominates the teacher, but the latter is elected by the local school board and becomes a regular member of the faculty. Usually, the full salary of the Bible teacher is paid by the local sponsoring agency, he added.

The Bible course is generally taught in the school building. No arrangement has been worked out for releasing students at a particular time to go to their churches for religious instruction,

Lord's Day Alliance Hits World Calendar

NEW YORK—The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States said here it opposes the proposed World Calendar which may come up for discussion by the United Nations.

Member nations are to report their attitude on the proposal to the UN Economic and Social Council by March.

Rev. Melvin M. Forney, general secretary, said the Alliance objects to the new calendar system on these grounds:

1. It would "deny real religious liberty to millions of conscientious observers of weekly holy days."
2. It would "mean a roving Sunday."
3. It would break the weekly cycle, something not involved in any previous calendar revision.
4. It would "cause more confusion in the religious and economic worlds."
5. It is "another step in replacing the old tried and proven religious tradition with the new and modern secular philosophy."
6. It would "form a basis for the complete destruction of the Lord's Day."

The World Calendar plan proposes dividing the year into four equal quarters, each have two months of 30 days and one of 31 days. The last day of the year and, in leap years, the day following June would be called "white" days and would not be part of any week or month. Thus, any given date would fall on the same day of the week every year.

Some religious groups, including Orthodox Jews and Seventh-day Adventists, strongly oppose the plan because it would mean that the Sabbath would keep shifting.

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Senate Votes Probe of Comics, TV Programs

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—The Senate voted to conduct a new probe into the influence of comic books and TV crime programs on juvenile delinquency.

Senator Estes Kefauver (D.-Tenn.), who headed the Senate Crime Investigating Committee in 1950, has been named chairman of an inquiry group which will function as a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

First order of business for the subcommittee will be to consider a hard-hitting report criticizing the television industry for putting a constant fare of "crime and brutality" before America's children.

The report was prepared by the staff of the special committee that investigated juvenile delinquency last year under the chairmanship of Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson (R.-N.J.)

Staff members of Sen. Hendrickson's committee monitored television programs of seven leading New York stations. They found an average of 6.2 acts of violence an hour on these telecasts. They also reported that children's television hours, 5-7 p.m., were "twice as saturated with violence as any other hours."

Comparing a test week in 1954 with a similar test period in 1953, the report charged that the trend is towards more crime and violence on TV shows. At the same time, it noted that network executives who appeared before the Hendrickson group had promised to work for higher programming standards.

Observing that television is frequently the "first teacher" of young children, the report added:

"What the effects of a child seeing five, six, and seven people killed each afternoon might be in terms of making callous his normal sensivity to that kind of human destruction is an unknown quantity."

Appointed to serve with Sen. Kefauver are Sens. Thomas Hennings (D.-Mo.), Olin Johnston (D.-S.C.), William Langer (R.-N.D.), and Alexander Wiley (R.-Wisc.).

All of the subcommittee members are active churchmen and several of them are Sunday school teachers.

Protestant and Roman Catholic groups which have been working on the juvenile delinquency problem regard the committee as the strongest that could have been selected.

Approves $1,000,000 Resettlement Plans

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.— A $1,000,000 budget for a joint Lutheran Resettlement program under the USA Refugee Relief Act was voted here by the 37th annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council.

A proposal that $600,000 of this budget shall be contributed by the NLC and $400,000 by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was contained in a tentative agreement between the two groups.

The plan, as adopted by the NLC, stipulated that the agreement shall be retroactive to April 1, 1954, when the two groups established Lutheran Refugee Service as a joint agency for refugee resettlement on an experimental basis.

The million-dollar budget will cover the entire program which may last until 1957, when the Refugee Relief Act will expire. It was expected that some 15,000 Lutheran refugees may be resettled under the program.

WCTU Leader Protests Air-Force Liquor Clubs

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A Woman's Christian Temperance Union official asked the House Armed Services Committee to investigate a complaint that Air Force officers are forcing enlisted men to belong to clubs where liquor is served.

Miss Elizabeth Smart, Washington secretary of the WCTU, presented a letter from a non-commissioned Air Force officer at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio, telling of pressure allegedly exerted on non-commissioned officers at the base to support the local Non-Com Club.

The airman, whose name was with-

held, said that non-commissioned officers were expected automatically to become dues-paying members of the club, the principal feature of which, he said, is a bar and a dance floor.

He said he had tried to resign from the club because of disapproval of the drinking being done on the premises and had been threatened with a reduction in rank.

Miss Smart also gave members of the committee the text of a notice posted at Cheyenne, Wyoming, Air Force Base, and signed by the commandant of that base, which she said puts pressure on NCO's to join a somilar club.

"It would seem that those in the armed forces are losing their religious freedom," the WCTU leader commented, "and are being forced to support drinking clubs against their scruples."

Charges Approved Comics Are Yet Fostering Violence

NEW YORK—(RNS)—A direct connection between juvenile crime and undesirable comics, some of which carry the seal of approval of the Comics Magazine Association of America, was suggested at a one-day hearing on Comic books conducted by a joint State Legislative Committee.

Dr. Frederic Wertham, a former city-employed psychiatrist who now heads the LaFargue Psychiatric Clinic here, opened his testimony by uncoiling a five-foot rawhide whip and brandishing a double-edged throwing knife. He said he had purchased both items by mail from advertisements in current comics carrying the seal of the industry's Code Authority.

After his assertion was challenged by Code Administrator Charles F. Murphy, he repeated it under oath administered at his own request by Assemblyman James A. Fitzpatrick of Plattsburg, chairman of the hearing.

Dr. Wertham testified that he obtained the whip through an advertisement in a March, 1955, approved comic book and the knife from an advertisement in another approved comic. He did not specify the names of the comics but said he would send them and the wrappings in which the instruments of violence reached him, to committee headquarters.

The psychiatrist emphasized that in certain comics the whip was a symbol of something more potentially dangerous than straight violence. He declared it was advertised for the "flaggelation of girls and women." Under questioning, he said that this type of flaggelation represented a sexual variation known to medical men as "sadism."

Dr. Wertham, who examined Jack Koslow, one of the Brooklyn teen-age thrill killers recently sentenced to life imprisonment, declared that "there was not one thing that those boys did which was not fully described in comics." He said that Koslow had in his possession a number of whips intended for the "three methods of whipping girls" described in comics and in a paper-back under-the-counter book titled "Nights of Horror."

"I note very little improvement since the enactment of the code," Dr. Wertham declared. "Before the code, a girl was struck on her naked breast. Now the breast is covered. Even the Westerns portray sadism."

Another witness, New York City Police Commissioner Francis W. H. Adams, declared that police records showed "a continuing increase in delinquency and, in our informed judgment, there is a direct relationship between the high rate of crimes of violence committed by persons under 21 and the obscenity published in so-called literary or comic form."

Church-City Officials Agree on Liquor Study

DENVER—(RNS)—Representatives of the Denver Council of Churches, the Denver Association of Evangelicals and the Interchurch Temperance Movement of Colorado have reached agreement with city officials for a cooperative, thorough-going study of the Denver liquor code.

Some twenty Denver ministers met behind closed doors with Mayor Quigg Newton, legal counsel and the city's liquor licensing authorities.

At the conclusion of the meeting the mayor announced that the ministers had made fifteen to twenty suggestions for revision of the liquor code which he had appointed a committee to investigate.

He indicated that if the suggestions are legal and appear practical after study, they will be incorporated into the code.

The mayor refused to divulge the exact suggestions but said they covered every aspect of the liquor laws, requisites for obtaining licenses as well as a definition of neighborhood needs for a liquor outlet.

UNITED PRAYER

For All-Scotland Crusade

On March 21 we begin the All-Scotland evangelistic crusade.

This is by far the greatest crusade we have ever undertaken. It far surpasses any of the plans we had last year in London. Most of the newspapers are giving all-out support. Insofar as I know, every single church in Scotland is cooperating. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland wrote in a Glasgow newspaper last week that all of Scotland is aflame with expectancy. Almost everything from Kelvin Hall to the advertising has been granted practically free. It seems that everybody within and without the church is working harder than any place we have ever been.

The repercussions and implications of this crusade will be the most far-reaching we have ever had. Therefore, I am asking you if you will ask through the pages of UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION that people pray. We believe that if hundreds of thousands of people all over the world will join in prayer, it could be the beginning of a genuine spiritual awakening.

BILLY GRAHAM

Denver Man Promotes Bible Monument Plan

DENVER —(RNS)—Churchmen, civic organizations and city officials here are being asked to back a plan for the erection of a monument to the Bible in Denver.

Lawrence C. Cook, 82-year-old retired member of the police department, is the prime mover for the monument, which he says will be the first of its kind in the world.

Mr. Cook said he already has lined up a donation of labor to cover much of the work involved in building the concrete structure he envisions. He is seeking financial aid from churchmen and civic organiationzs and a site in Denver's downtown civic center from the city.

The Bible monument, he suggests, "should record in carving on tablets of stone the great incontrovertible truths that succeeding generations shall read and be inspired to carry on its teachings."

Plans for the proposed structure have been drawn by Boyd Clark, Denver artist.

The monument is the latest of Mr. Cook's endeavors for civic improvement. Working almost single handed he was instrumental in getting handball courts built in a city park, and a branch postoffice.

Missouri Baptists Fight New Parochial Bus Bill

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—(RNS)—Baptist leaders of Missouri launched what they labelled an "all-out" fight against passage of a bill by the legislature which would permit parochial school children to ride on state-supported buses.

Some 3,500 letters were mailed from Baptist state headquarters here to ministers and laymen urging that pressure be brought against the measure.

In addition, Baptist officials made more than 100 long distance calls to churches over the state appealing for "immediate action" opposing the bill.

A House Committee recently approved the measure, under which the state would pay $4 a month to local school authorities for each child transported to or from any school, public or parochial. The money for this transportation would come from the state's general revenues, not from school funds.

Two years ago the Missouri Supreme Court ruled that public funds could not be used for schools operated by religious organizations. The attorney general subsequently held that this meant school funds could not be used to transport pupils to a parochial institution.

A group of Protestant clergymen opposed the bill at a hearing by the House committee.

EVANGELISM

Graham to Address Scottish Soldiers

EDINBURGH—Evangelist Billy Graham will make a side-trip during his six-week campaign in Glasgow this spring to address some 2,000 soldiers April 4 at Redford Barracks here, one of Scotland's largest military bases.

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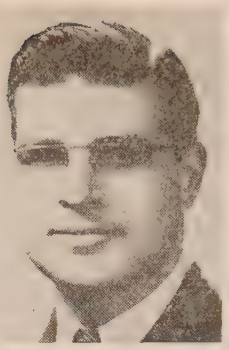

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AMONG THE SPEAKERS AT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

A rich feast of good things has been prepared by the Program Committee for the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the NAE. The gathering will be "a convention of conventions" with the National Sunday School Association, the Evangelical Foreign Mission Association, the National Religious Broadcasters, the National Association of Christian Schools and many other agencies offering complete programs in addition to the main Convention. The dates: April 19-22. The place: Hotel Sherman, Chicago. The April 1 issue of *Action* magazine will carry full particulars.

Rev. James A. Williamson, Assistant Chaplain General of the Scottish Military Command, said army families in the area would be invited to attend.

The "Tell Scotland" movement, sponsors of the Graham campaign, has arranged for some of the evangelist's Glasgow meetings to be heard in Edinburgh over a telephone hookup. Mr. Graham's Glasgow campaign opens March 21.

From April 20 to 25 the Glasgow revivals will be heard by this method in three Edinburgh churches—St. George's (Church of Scotland), Charlotte Baptist chapel, and St. John's Episcopal (Anglican)—and from April 26 to 30 in the city's largest audtiorium, Usher Hall, which seats 3,000.

The relay mission will be conducted by Rev. Tom Allan, well-known broadcaster and field organizer of the "Tell Scotland" movement.

—DENOMINATIONS—

Conservative Baptists Name General Director

CHICAGO—Dr. John B. Houser of Lebanon, Ore., has been named general director of the Conservative Baptist Association of America, it was announced at the organization's headquarters here.

He succeeds Dr. Myron Cedarholm who became the Association's national field representative last May.

The general director is the coordinating executive officer of the association which was formed in 1947 by Baptist churches which broke off from the Northern (now American) Baptist Convention.

Officials of the association said here it now has a memership of more than 1,500 contributing churches and is growing at the rate of 100 churches a year. They added that the association sponsors more than 350 missionaries in the field and its missionary budget is "approaching the $2,000,000 mark."

Conservative Disciples Win in Property Fight

SALEM, Ill.—A liberal minority of First Christian church here has lost its five-year legal battle to regain the church property, valued at $100,000, from a majority of the membership which it charged had departed from "basic Disciples of Christ" practices.

The Fourth District Appellate Court, to which the case was remanded by the Illinois Supreme Court, upheld a circuit court decision dismissing the suit. It termed as "non-essentials" the issues which caused a schism in the congregation and led to the filing of the suit by the minority in 1950.

In its ruling, the Appellate Court supported the view that a majority in a congregationally-governed church controls property and the right to use it except when extreme changes are made in "fundamental beliefs. It held that there was no "substantial departure" from common practice or basic doctrines or beliefs of the congregation.

A major cause of the division in the congregation was the "articles of faith" approved on Dec. 31, 1949, by a majority of the congregation. This creed was adopted after the majority had broken ties with the Disciples of Christ, and the denomination's International Convention had denied members of the congregation the privilege of supporting the communion's agencies.

The minority, which charged eighteen departures from the doctrines, tenets, and practices of the Church, said its main opposition to the "articles of faith" was based "on historic freedom of congregations in these matters." It stressed that Disciples do not accept written creeds.

After the suit was filed, the majority rescinded both the articles and a new incorporation which it also had authorized. But by then the division in the congregation was complete.

For nearly two-and-a-half years, members of the church representing the minority have been conducting services in the Marion County Courthouse under the leadership of a supply minister, Rev. James M. Flanagan. He is associate editor of *The Christian Evangelist*, a national weekly of the Disciples of Christ.

Attendance at the courthouse each Sunday has ranged from 50 to 80. The original complaint was filed by 26 members, claiming affiliation with the International Convention of the Disciples and the Illinois Christian Convention.

Mr. Flanagan speaks from the judge's bench and the choir is seated in the jury box. The courtroom counsel table is used for a cross and an open Bible, while another courtroom table is used for the communion service which is held every Sunday in a Disciples congregation.

Meanwhile, the defendants in the suit and others, numbering about 300, have been holding worship services regularly in the First Christian church building. The pastor is J. Edwin Smith, against whom the minority also filed suit, naming him a leader in the schism.

In a similar case in North Carolina the State Supreme Court recently upheld a superior court judge's finding that the "true" congregation of the North Rocky Mount Baptist church was the minority group who remained loyal to the Southern and State Baptist Conventions. The church property, valued at between $250,000 and $300,000, was awarded the minority Baptist group. In its decision, the North Carolina high court declared: "The true congregation in church organizations are those who adhere and submit to the regular order of the church, local and general, whether (they are) a majority or a minority of the membership."

Reformed Church Mission Board Seeks Record Budget

PHILADELPHIA—(R N S)—A record budget of $930,000 for 1956 was recommended by the Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed Church in America at its semi-annual meeting held in nearby Churchville, Pa. The figure, $90,000 higher than for 1955, must be approved by the denomination's General Synod.

Four additional missionaries to work with Chinese refugees in the Far East were appointed by the board, and a nurse was assigned to a station on Bahrein Island in the Persian Gulf where American oil companies have large installations.

Sixteen of the Church's 164 missionaries now are engaged in helping Chinese refugees, it was reported

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at the meeting. The rest are serving in Arabia, South India, the African Sudan, Iraq, and Japan.

The board announced that it was changing from a "year-to-year" mission personnel policy to a ten year appointment plan under which a maximum of ten new missionaries will be named each year.

It also approved a policy of close cooperation with national Churches such as those in Japan and South India.

The board voted to contribute $1,800 to the Missionary Aviation Fellowship to aid it in buying a plane to fly missionaries to remote regions of the southern Sudan where a joint missionary program is operated by the Reformed Church and the United Presbyterian Church.

YOUTH

Church Youth Hold USA Bible Reading

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Members of Christ's Ambassadors, youth organization of the Assemblies of God, will participate in a nationwide mass reading aloud of the Book of Acts next April 24, it was announced here by Rev. Richard Fulmer, national secretary of the denomination's youth department.

The project will mark the ninth annual observance of Christ's Ambassadors Day, he said.

Some 100,000 members of the youth group in 7,000 churches are expected to take part in the project for which 50-000 copies of the Book of Acts have been secured through the cooperation of the American Bible Society, Mr. Fulmer said.

The mass reading project, he explained, is a continuation of the One-Eight Crusade, a youth witnessing program conducted over the past year during which the young people of the Church have distributed more than 4,000,000 tracts.

LAYMEN

Mayor's Proclamation Sets Up "Gideon Week"

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—Mayor Moran M. Pope proclaimed the week of February 14-20 as "Gideon Week." He urged "due recognition to this group of citizens for their contribution to our own community and similar communities throughout the nation."

The mayor said the Gideons had rendered notable work in the free distribution of Testaments and "has contributed to the welfare of our community, our tourists and visitors, our school children and others."

The proclamation was issued to coincide with the annual state convention of the Gideons held here February 19 and 20.

To climax the week, Gideons filled pulpits of about seventy churches in the Hattiesburg area, P. T. Hodo, of Amory, state president, announced.

Lutheran Laymen Hold Mission in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—(RNS)—A "preaching-teaching-reaching" mission in which 84 Lutheran churches in Milwaukee participated and 3,846 lay visitors interviewed 13,156 potential church members was held prior to the second National Lutheran Evangelism Conference here.

The lay visitors from local churches were assisted by guest missioners from 17 states, two Canadian provinces and Africa who spoke at the city's Lutheran churches during the mission.

Officials reported that 1,350 of the persons interviewed expressed a desire for church membership, another 624 enrolled for pastoral instruction classes, 434 children were registered for Sunday school classes and 275 for baptism.

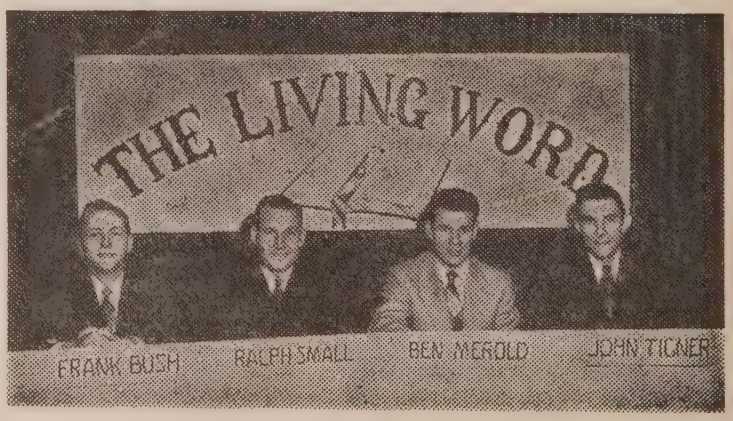
Attendance at special morning services during the mission totaled 24,316, the officials said, while evening attendance was 32,471 and offerings totaling $11,263 were received.

RADIO - TV

Television Experiment Features "Living Word"

DANVILLE, Ill.—Churches of Christ in this area are sponsoring a weekly thirty-minute television program over Station WDAN. The broadcast recently observed its first anniversary.

The program is in the nature of a panel and is scheduled under the title, "The Living Word." Frank Bush of Catlin is the moderator. Other participants are Ralph Small, Hoopeston; Ben Merold, Villa Grove and John Tigner, Georgetown. Questions are received from the viewing audience and discussed and answered with "The Living Word" as the final authority. Slides of the Scriptures under consideration are thrown on the screen for the viewing audience to read as the questions are answered.



Churches of Christ in Successful Television Experiment (See Radio-TV).

FCC Grants Television Permit to Bible School

ANDERSON, Ind. — The Federal Communications Commission has granted a construction permit to Great Commission Schools for the building and operation of a commercial television station on Channel 61 at Anderson. The grant was handed down February 2.

Great Commission Schools, Inc., an interdenominational institution, is now in its eighth year as a Bible institute. Five years ago last fall the high school department was added, which has now been accredited by the Indiana State Department of Public Instruction. Three years ago the Elementary Department was organized.

Great Commission Schools owns and operates radio station WCBC, Anderson's 1000-watt day-time regional station. From its beginning, the station policy has excluded beer, wine, tobacco and night club advertising. Programs which emphasize violence, crime and sex are not accepted. Efforts have been made to keep the music inoffensive to the best instincts and tastes. The profit motive has been secondary.

The school will attempt to program the new television station on the same high moral and ethical level. It will attempt to obtain and create programming not only with a high entertainment appeal, but with a positive character-building content. The school has proved that the commercial operation of a radio station with the above stated policies is feasible. As far as is known here, this is the first time any school of this character has been awarded both a commercial radio and television license.

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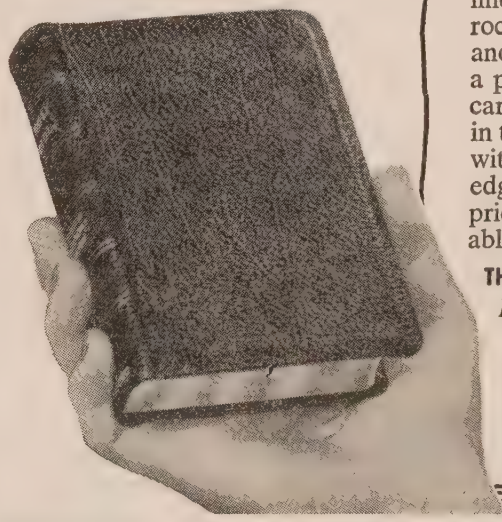

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—INTER - CHURCH—

The Presbyterian Alliance Aids Greek Evangelicals

OTTAWA, Canada —(RNS)— The World Council of Churches has been asked to seek the cooperation of the Greek Orthodox Church in influencing the Greek government to end "disabilities suffered by evangelicals in Greece" (*Action*, December 1, 1954).

The request was made in a resolution adopted by the North American Area Council of the World Presbyterian Alliance at its annual meeting here.

Reference was made in the resolution to a report that the Greek government and not the Orthodox Church, as charged by some Protestant groups, was responsible for the restrictions imposed on evangelicals.

A USA spokesman for the North American Area Council explained that the Alliance had made informal representations to Greek Orthodox Church officials on the alleged persecution of evangelicals and had been told that it was the Greek government that imposed the disabilities.

Dr. James I. McCord, dean of Austin (Tex.) Theological Seminary, who is chairman of the Council's Commission on Religious and Civil Liberty, introduced the resolution. It said:

"In view of the report that the disabilities suffered by the evangelicals in Greece is due to action of the Greek government and not of the Orthodox Church, the offices of the World Council of Churches be requested to solicit the cooperation of the authorities of the Greek Orthodox Church in making representations to the Greek government so that such disability be brought to an end."

In another action, the delegates approved a proposal that a statement be prepared outlining the principles of the Reformed faith in regard to civil and religious liberty.

—SUNDAY SCHOOL—

National Family Week To Be Observed May 1-8

CHICAGO.—National Sunday School Association announces for the fourth consecutive year its plan to promote "National Family Week." from the first through the second Sunday of May—May 1-8.

The emphasis of this week in keeping with the theme—"Every Parent Is a Teacher" is first, to get the entire family into the Sunday school; and second, to help those families already in the church to have Bible reading and prayer together as a family.

A beautiful colored bulletin cover has been prepared for churches and sells for $1.25 per 100. Suggestions for pastors and Sunday school superintendents to use in observing the week are available free by writing National Sunday School Association, 542 S. Dearborn, Chicago.

Baptists Fly Pep Talks To USA Sunday Schools

CHICAGO.—A novel plan to sustain Sunday school attendance after Easter is being employed by churches of the Baptist General Conference of America. Eight short talks, recorded by missionaries on each of the Conference's mission fields, are being cut on records by RCA for simultaneous use in its 425 Sunday schools on the eight Sundays of the Conference's post-Easter "Loyalty-to-Christ Tour."

Each recorded message emphasizes one of the eight themes of the "tour": Regular Attendance, Lesson Preparation, Soulwinning, etc. Recordings include music and sound-effects from foreign fields. In each Sunday school a paper airplane will move across a large picture-map to indicate progress of the "tour." Originator and promoter of the plan is Rev. Lawrence F. Swanson, executive secretary of the Conference's Bible school and youth department.

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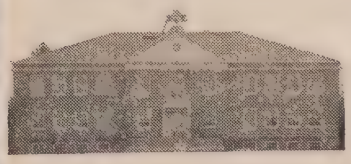

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—UNITED ACTION—

How to Organize Local NAE Groups

WHEATON, Ill.—Following its new "grass roots" approach the National Association of Evangelicals is offering a guide for the organization of local Evangelical Fellowships.

The brochure "How to Organize a Local Evangelical Fellowship" has been prepared by Rev. George L. Ford, Associate Executive Director. Mr. Ford has drawn on his experience in organizing local evangelical groups in the Pacific Northwest where he was regional NAE director before coming to the National office. The guide is designed to aid local groups of ministers who have a concern for the spiritual, moral and social needs of their communities. It provides a step by step outline of how to set up an effective group.

Areas covered in the brochure include how to start a local fellowship, how to keep it going, and suggestions for consideration by the organizing committees. It also provides a sample constitution and a list of twelve suggested areas of activity.

The guides are available without cost from the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

—ASSEMBLIES—

Annual Holiness Meet Scheduled for Dayton

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The 87th Annual Convention of the National Holiness Association will be held on April 13-17, at the Memorial Hall in Dayton, Ohio.

This Convention is sponsored by 15 holiness denominations, 50 colleges and schools, 160 state and county associations, and 12 foreign missionary boards.

Rev. Paul L. Kindschi, executive secretary of the NHA, states that plans are underway to bring about a great change in the work of the Association. This is to be accomplished by making the organization a medium through which all holiness churches, on a local as well as a national level, might find a basis for fuller cooperation in "giving scriptural holiness a united voice."

Dr. Oswald Smith from Toronto, Ontario, pastor of the "largest missionary church in the world," will be the guest speaker at the "Missions" program on Wednesday night. Also scheduled for special services are Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, and Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church and editor of the *Shepherds* magazine.

"Youth Night" will be held Saturday with the youth emphasis being given by Dr. H. K. Sheets, general superintendent of the Wesleyan Young People's Society. A great holiness rally on Sunday afternoon will mark the closing service of the Convention with Dr. Myron F. Boyd, NHA president, as speaker.

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—WORLD-WIDE—

Soviet Zone Reds Pressuring Youth

BERLIN—(RNS)—Local Communist authorities in East Germany are steadily increasing their pressure on teen-agers to force them to participate in Communist-arranged Youth Dedication ceremonies, it was reported here.

When the Reds announced their revival of the dedication rites last fall, the central committee in charge said participation would be completely voluntary.

But reports received here said Communist functionaries were beginning to hint broadly at the disadvantages faced by youth who refuse to take part.

In some areas, parents' meetings were told that participation in the ceremonies would be "very advisable for youngsters who want to find a job or want to be admitted to East German high schools."

In other communities, Communist-controlled vocational organizations began requiring youths seeking jobs to produce evidence that they had registered for the dedications.

Youth Dedications were originated several decades ago by German freethinkers as an atheistic counterpart of confirmation and first communion rites. Under the Communists, the dedications are being held when a youth reaches the age of fourteen to mark the beginning of adulthood.

Both the Evangelical and Roman Catholic Churches in East Germany have denounced the dedications and told parents not to allow their children to take part. The Evangelical Church has said it will refuse confirmation to any youth "dedicated" in Communist rites.

"Red" Zone Government Okehs Atheism Program

BERLIN —(RNS)— East German Communist government leaders have approved a program to promote materialism and atheism among young people this year.

The program, adopted by the Ministers' Council of the Soviet Zone, calls for more lectures and discussions groups at youth centers under the auspices of the "Society for the Spreading of Scientific Knowledge," an agency for furthering atheism.

The Council also announced the publication of some 90 "popular-scientific" booklets of a materialistic and atheistic character.

The government program is in line with a new anti-religion drive of the Communist Free German Youth organization intended "to provide youth with a scientific picture of the world free of superstition and unscientific views."

Communist leaders also plan to step up their campaign to popularize youth dedication ceremonies. These atheistic counterparts of confirmation and first Communion rites have been denounced by both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church leaders.

Hans Joachim Laabs, Deputy Education Minister, announced that all costs of indoctrination gatherings preceding the youth dedication ceremonies will be paid by the State. Teachers who hold lectures in connection with these "preparatory gatherings" will receive "overtime" pay.

According to the Dedication Committee, the gatherings will include lectures and discussions on problems of life, nature and society "to strengthen the responsibility of youth for the interest and welfare of the State and to fight obsolete and reactionary ways of thinking by promoting progressive ideas."

Argentine Regime Ousts 101 Priests As Teachers

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Its first move was to appoint lay "spiritual advisers" for all primary and secondary schools. Shortly afterward, the regime issued a decree tightening its control over religious education and ending Church jurisdiction over the appointment of teachers of religion and religious programs in the schools.

A third government move was the removal of "Catholic Religion and Morality" from the list of subjects for which credit is given toward promotion.

Report Growth of Lutheran Churches

VIENNA—(R N S)—Membership in Lutheran Churches throughout the world is now estimated at more than 75,000,000, Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, president of the Lutheran World Federation, told the agency's executive committe here.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, said that "all Churches in the United States appear to have gained considerably in strength in recent years, but I believe it can be said truthfully that the Lutheran Church is gaining more than other confessions."

At a press conference, Dr. Fry said the number of Lutherans had increased after the war "especially in South America where the Church managed to free itself from ties to European Churches."

Immigration from European Lutheran countries also aided the growth of Lutheranism there, he said.

Dr. Poling Presents Refugee Orphan Aid

HONG KONG—Dr. Daniel A. Poling of Philadelphia, editor of the *Christian Herald,* handed over to officials of the Christian Herald Faithlove Home in Fanling village here $12,000 collected by the magazine to build an assembly hall for that institution for refugee orphans.

Last year the magazine gave the home $30,000 with which dormitories and other structures were erected.

The orphanage and twelve others in the Far East are supported from funds collected by the non-denominational monthly. The homes are operated and administered for the *Christian Herald* by the Christian Children's Fund of Richmond, Va., an interdenominational, independent organization which also maintains a number of similar institutions in Europe and the Near and Far East.

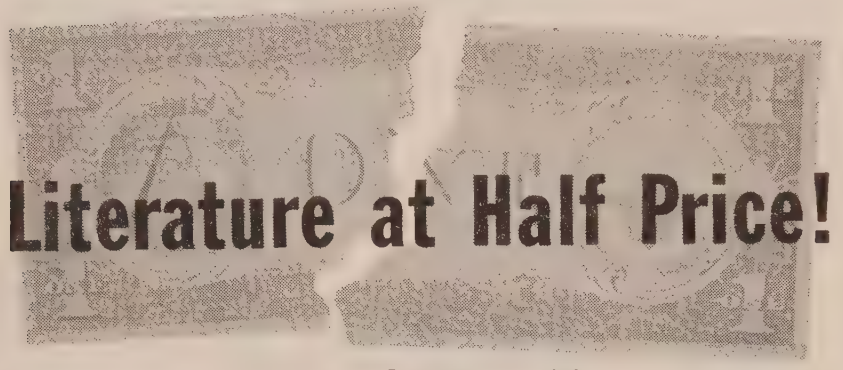
Prior to coming here for a four-day visit, Dr. Poling laid the cornerstone at Taichung, Formosa, for the main building of another Christian Herald project there which will include six cottages for children.

The Baptist clergyman, who also is president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, was on a four-week, globe-circling trip to study "the spiritual climate of the free world," inspect the magazine's orphanages, and make preliminary arrangements for Christian Endeavor world meetings to be held at Suva, Fiji, next year and Beirut, Lebanon, in 1958.

Orr in Mar Thoma Meetings in India

BOSTON, Mass.—Dr. J. Edwin Orr was in Travancore, South India, recently as guest of the Metropolitan (Archbishop) Juhannon Mar Thoma and the Bishops and ministers of the

Sunday School



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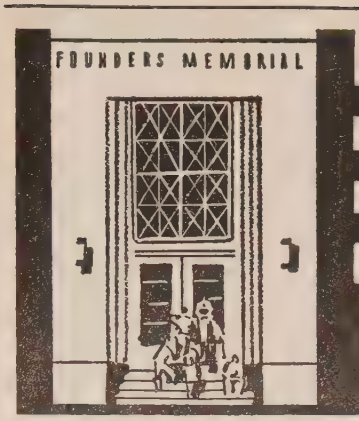
The London office was thereupon challenged with the task of packing and dispatching over 1,000 volumes to reach Jerusalem before the expiration of the license. This was achieved and the branch was opened at a public meeting held in the YMCA in Jerusalem at which the British Vice-Consul and Dr. J. Tester of Nazareth spoke of the influence of sound Evangelical literature. This branch of the library is operating from the premises of the Bible Evangelistic Mission. Another new branch has been established at Seoul in Korea.

Italian Protestants Ask For Religious Equality

ROME —(RNS)— A memorandum asking that the government take immediate action to enforce guarantees of religious equality provided in Italy's 1948 Constitution was issued here by the Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches.



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Expressing concern that the negotiation of agreements between the government and Italy's non-Catholic groups, called for in Article VIII of the Constitution, has not even been started, it asked the government to immediately create a special committee to institute discussions.

The memorandum also called upon the government to instruct local police officials throughout Italy to act in conformance with the Constitution on issues pertaining to religious equality.

REFORM

WCTU Is Sponsoring Oratorical Contest

EVANSTON, Ill.—An inter-collegiate oratorical contest to encourage study of the alcohol problem by young people was announced here by the National Women's Christian Temperance Union.

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Texas "Drys" Criticize Alcohol Studies School

DALLAS, Tex.—(RNS)—United Texas Drys adopted a resolution here criticizing the policies of the annual Summer School of Alcohol Studies held at Southern Methodist University.

The "dry" organization, supported by most major Protestant church groups in Texas, said in the resolution:

"A rehabilitation approach is made and little attention is given to prevention and causes of alcoholism.

"No mention is made of manufacturers, retailers or advertisers who produce and enlarge the alcoholic population of our nation.

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"School leaders admit they use beverage alcohol and say youth should know why American drinkers outnumber non-drinkers.

"The textbook used protects the alcohol industry and opposes the principles of The Methodist Church."

Rev. Albert F. Tucker, executive secretary of United Texas Drys, said the group also voted to change their name to Texas Alcohol-Narcotic Education, Inc., because it is "more descriptive of the broad policies of our organization."

MISSIONS

Goodall Named Secretary Of IMC-WCC Committee

GENEVA—Dr. Norman Goodall, London secretary of the International Missionary Council, has been named first full-time secretary of the Joint Committee of the IMC and the World Council of Churches, it was announced here. He will take up the new post in April.

At the same time, Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, ultra-liberal president of Union Theological Seminary in New York, was named new chairman of the Joint Committee.

Dr. Goodall, who has been the IMC's London secretary since 1944, will be succeeded in the position by Rev. Ronald K. Orchard, former secretary for Africa and China of the London Mission Society.

This move to further integrate the work of the IMC and the WCC confirms prophecies of Dr. James DeForest Murch in his widely-distributed reports on the Amsterdam and Evanston assemblies of the World Council.

PERSONALIA

Howard Butt was headline speaker during Religious Emphasis Week at Southern Methodist University last month. Evangelist Butt recently closed church crusades in Tulsa, Okla., and Tampa, Fla. He was selected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Cor-

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J. H. Woodward, well-known missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and recently U.S. consultant of the High Commission for Germany, Office of Public Affairs, has been chosen president of Arizona Bible Institute.

Harold B. Kuhn of Asbury Theological Seminary will be the conference speaker for the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends at Salem, Ohio, May 3-5.

Hoyt S. Canary of Southwest Christian Seminary, Phoenix, Ariz., will conduct a tour of Western Europe and the Near East June 6-July 10.

Carl Sweazy has been named acting president of the Los Angeles Theological Seminary, one of the institutions connected with the General Association of Regular Baptists. Dr. Sweazy is a member of the Council of Fourteen of his denomination.

Harold E. Camp, business manager of the Lawrence Lacour Evangelistic Tour of Japan has been named director of development at Taylor University.

T. W. Wilson of Dothan, Ala., was the speaker for the annual Spring Revival at Taylor University last month.

R. S. Beal, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona and former national leader of the Conservative Baptist Fellowship, rounded out thirty-seven years as pastor of the Tucson Church, February 24. Dr. and Mrs. Beal were presented with a 1955 model Dodge car by one of the deacons of the church on their anniversary.

Guy D. Newman, Waco, Tex. will become president of Howard Payne College June 1, He will succeed Thomas H. Taylor who will retire in July. Newman is promotional vice-president of Baylor University.

Lloyd R. Simmons of Tucson, Ariz. has been elected president of Grand Canyon College in Phoenix. Simmons will assume his duties April 15.

B. J. Murrie, editor of the *Illinois Baptist,* was elected president of the Southern Baptist Press Association at its annual meeting in Birmingham, Ala.

Bryan Green, Anglican evangelist, is conducting a ten-day mission under the auspices of the Honolulu Council of Churches and the Honolulu Evangelical Ministers' Fellowship.

Clyde W. Taylor, in charge of the Office of Affairs of NAE, was among those leaders in the nation's capital who received decorations from the Boy Scouts of America in commemoration of the Scouts' 45th anniversary. The awards were made as a part of "Operation Homberg," a project in which the Scouts honored political, religious and administrative leaders.

Henry H. Ness, who has been chairman and member of the Washington State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles for the past six years, has resigned from this position to enter the

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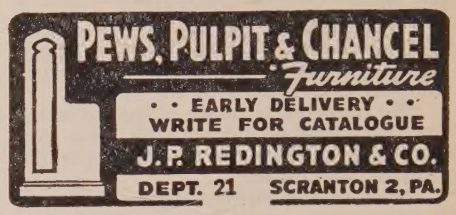

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Carl F. H. Henry, professor of Systematic Theology and Christian Philosophy in Fuller Theological Seminary, has been awarded the George Washington medal by the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge for his article in *United Evangelical Action* entitled, "Christianity and the American Heritage."

C. N. Hostetter, president of Messiah College, was the guest speaker at the fourth annual Peace and Christian Service Conference at Tabor College, March 17, 18.

Edward L. Frederick has been announced as the new general director of International Missions, Inc., succeeding Rev. B. R. Opper. Under Mr. Opper's administration twelve new mission stations were opened.

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Readers Say

(Continued from page 2)

Next, I would like to point out that Dr. Young does not accurately describe my review. In his letter he writes, "Dr. Clark says that I apparently do not believe that the Bible is the Word of God." The public is invited to read the review again and see that I said no such thing. Dr. Young also finds it incomprehensible why I should object to a statement such as "God has made himself known in the written Word." But the review does not object to this statement. It used it as a concessive clause to point out a good point in what otherwise seems to be a defective view of the Scriptures.

Admittedly I regard the author's view of the Scriptures as defective, for I hold that the Bible is the revelation of God whether I or Dr. Young or anyone else accepts it as such. If the Bible is only a record of Isaiah's personal experience, and if my personal experience is all the revelation I can have, is there not a danger of some mystical theory of an inner light or a personal confrontation? Or at the best, is not Dr. Young's view based on a confusion between illumination and revelation?

At any rate I believe that it is essential to hold that the Bible is God's revelation.

GORDON H. CLARK

Indianapolis, Ind.

A Word for Democracy

To the Editor:

I was quite alarmed at the article entitled "Christianity and Democracy," by Dr. C. Gregg Singer published in the January 15 issue of *Action*. In this day when the democratic governments of the world are the only ones allowing freedom of worship, I feel that Mr. Singer's insinuation and criticism is extremely untimely.

While the proverbial grain of truth is present in some of his arguments, his conclusions apparently were quite far-fetched. Such phrases as "basic incompatibility," "essentially non-Christian," "no reconciliation or synthesis is either possible or desirable," "received its initial impulses from influences which were decidedly hostile to orthodox Christianity," certainly sound foreign to the high purpose and religious fervor of our Founding Fathers. It is only to be expected that among the hundreds of early leaders of our country, two or three could be singled out who were not orthodox in their viewpoint of Christianity. Seldom will you find a full sack of potatoes without a few on the defective side.

I cannot but feel that the violent opponents of our form of government today might find a little consolation and encouragement in such an article as Mr. Singer has written. I believe the democratic principles and constitution on which the good old USA was founded is the best governmental standard the world has seen since the giving of the Mosaic Law and perhaps will not be excelled until Christ ushers in His Millennial Reign.

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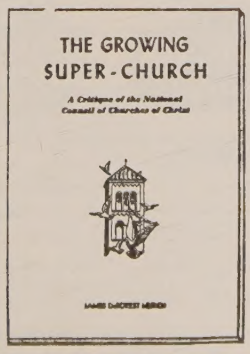

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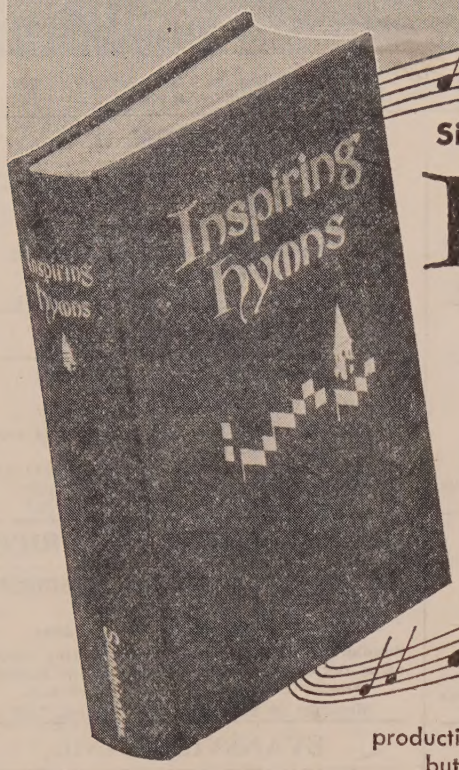

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"Religion of the Age and of the Ages." Abraham M. Hershman. x, 134 pp. Bloch Pub. Co. $3.00.

This is a book of festival and Sabbath sermons by the Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Saarey Zedek, of Detroit, Michigan. Someone has said that the form of religion which denies its ancestry is not likely to afflict the world with its posterity. Rabbi Hershman seeks in these messages to buy up all the values of the past for his people and to distil for the present the best of these values. With Schechter he insists that "you cannot love God with your father's heart."

"Guide to Christian Living." Otto W. Heick. viii, 229 pp. Muhlenberg. $3.00.

Dr. Heick, who is Professor of Ethics at Waterloo College and Lutheran Seminary of Canada, has produced here a good basic treatise on Reformed personal and social ethics with an evangelical emphasis. "From the evangelical point of view all Christian life is life dependent on the Holy Spirit" (p. 6). In such chapters as, "Sin is Not Imaginary," "Man's Moral Dilemma," "Holiness and Wholeness," "Abstinence and Enjoyment," and "Can Our Civilization Be Christian?" the author takes us through the rigorous but fruitful discipline of the Christian who must live in two worlds, and can only meet victoriously the problems that he faces with the help of grace..

Books Received

"The Church in the Roman Empire Before A. D. 170." W. M. Ramsey. 510 pp. Baker Book House. $4.20. Another of Baker's Co-operative Reprint Library series, neatly done and reasonably priced for the number of pages. Sir William M. Ramsay was an archeologist and apologist for the New Testament period, and his works are used extensively in seminaries and Christian colleges. Part II of the book consists of lectures delivered at Mansfield College, Oxford, in 1892, and covers the period 64-170 A.D. Part I deals mostly with Paul and his travels.

"Lectures on Hebrews." Joseph Augustus Seiss. 408 pp. Baker Book House. $3.10. This most recent of the Co-operative Reprint Library series develops the book of Hebrews for popular readers in thirty-six lectures. Here one finds a reverent and fearless facing of great texts and there is much profit withal. He takes the view in 6:4-8 that it is the unpardonable sin that is in view, and that it can be committed in the present day, even if not in quite the same way as then.

"Basic Beliefs: Truths We Hold—By Which We are Upheld." Richard N. Owen. 103 pp. Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Belcourt at 16th Ave., S., Nashville, Tenn. A rapid survey of the fundamentals of the Christian faith as revealed in Scripture. The author is editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*, journal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.